

Technical Data Sheet

Polyether Technology

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Product Description

NovaLink TX is a moisture curing, polyether, elastomeric joint sealant designed for application in damp, dry or cold climates. **NovaLink TX** is solvent free and contains no isocyanates. **NovaLink TX** will not shrink upon curing, will not discolor when exposed to UV light, and can not "outgas" or bubble on damp surfaces as urethane sealants often do. **NovaLink TX** has excellent adhesion to most construction materials and resilient elastomeric properties. **NovaLink TX** is capable of joint movement in excess of 35% compression and extension. Because it cures in wet or dry climate conditions and at low temperatures 32°F (0°C), **NovaLink TX** can be used effectively in many difficult construction site conditions.

Applicable Performance Standards

- ASTM C920, Type S, Grade NS, Class 35, Uses NT, T₂, M, G, A & O
- Federal Specification TT-S-00230-C Type II, Class B
- Corps of Engineers CRD-C-541, Type II, Class B
- Canadian Standards Board CAN 19, 13-M82

Regulatory Compliance

- Conforms to OTC Rule for Sealants
- Meets requirements of California Regs: CARB, BAAQMD and SCAQMD
- This product does not contain cancer causing chemicals listed in California Proposition 65.
- Conforms to USDA Requirements for Non-food Contact

Green Standards:

- LEED 2.2 for New Construction and Major Renovations: Low Emitting Materials (Section 4.1) 1 Point
- NAHB Model Green Home Building Guidelines: 5 Global Impact Points
- VOC Content: less than 20 grams / liter ASTM D2369 EPA Method 24 (tested at 240°F / 115°C)



Advantages

- Solvent free, 100% solids will not shrink
- Textured appearance compliments rough surfaces
- No outgassing on damp surfaces
- Single-component helps reduce labor costs
- No primer required for most construction materials
- Paintable within 24 hours (see limitations)
- +/- 35% joint movement
- Made in the USA - ISO 9001:2015 certified

Colors

Please refer to applied color board or chemlink.com for a full list of colors.

Special colors are available upon request.

Packaging

- **10.1 oz (300 ml)**
24 cartridges/carton, 45 cartons/pallet
- **20 oz (600 ml)**
12 sausages/carton, 40 cartons/pallet
- **2 and 5 gallon pails or 50 gallon drums**
available by special order

Joint Preparation

Joint surfaces should be clean, dry and free from all contamination including: dirt, oils, grease, tar, wax, rust and any other substance that may inhibit the sealant's performance.

Joint Design

Install all joint applications per ASTM and SWRI recommendations and guidelines. Joints shall be designed with a depth to width ratio of 1:2 (joint depth one-half the width). Control the depth of the sealant by using a polyethylene backer rod that is 25% larger than the joint opening at standard temperature. To prevent three-point adhesion use a backer rod or bond breaker tape to ensure proper joint movement and a long lasting weatherproof seal. Where the joint configuration will not permit a backer rod, CHEM LINK recommends that an alternative bond breaker be used.

Joint Width Inches (mm)	Joint Depth Inches (mm)
1/4 - 1/2 (6-13)	1/4 (6)
1/2 - 3/4 (13-19)	1/4 - 3/8 (6-10)
3/4 - 1 (19-25)	3/8 - 1/2 (10-13)

CHEM LINK recommends an appropriate substrate primer to be used on high moving joints or dissimilar substrates which require increased adhesion properties.

Compatible Substrates*
Concrete
Block & Brick
Stone
Masonry
Tile
Aluminum & Galvanized Metal
Wood
Engineered Plastics, PVC
EPS Foam
EIFS, Stucco

*Test and evaluate to ensure adequate adhesion.

Typical Physical Properties		
Gun Grade	Zero Slump	
Viscosity	1,220,000 cp +/- 300,000 cp	Brookfield RVF TF Spindle, 4 RPM, 73°F (23°C)
Density	12.4 +/- 0.2 lbs per gallon	ASTM D1475
Tack Free Time	32 min	45 +/- 5 % R.H.
Elongation at Break	528%	ASTM D412
Hardness Shore A	22	ASTM C661
Tensile Strength	130 psi	ASTM D412
Low temp. flex	Pass -15°F (-26°C) 1/4 inch mandrel	ASTM D522
Shrinkage	No visible shrinkage after 14 days	
Service Temperature	-40°F to 200°F (-40°C to 93°C)	

Basic Uses
Expansion joints
Pre-cast concrete
Block and Masonry
Cementitious Siding
Cove Joints
Weather Sealing

Application Guidelines:

Concrete

Prior to application remove any residual contamination by mechanical abrasion, sand blasting or power washing. On green concrete, remove all release agents, friable and loose concrete. Dry all visible and standing water prior to applying **NovaLink TX**. Install an appropriate backer rod to avoid three-point bonding.

Metal

Prepare all metal to ensure maximum adhesion. Remove all rust, scale and residue by wire brushing to a bright metal sheen. Remove films, loose or inappropriate coatings and oils with an appropriate solvent such as alcohol.*

**CHEM LINK recommends that coated substrates be tested for adhesion prior to starting a project. Please contact Technical Services for specific application guidelines and recommendations.*

Wood

Wood should be clean, sound and dry prior to sealant application. Allow treated wood to weather for six months prior to application. Remove all coatings and paint (or test for compatibility) to ensure proper bonding. Do not use on fire retardant lumber.

Priming

In most instances **NovaLink TX** will not require a primer. However, certain applications or substrates may require a primer to ensure a long lasting bond and weatherproof seal. It is the applicator's responsibility to determine the need for a primer. CHEM LINK recommends a primer be used for any application where prolonged immersion is anticipated.

Clean-Up

Wet sealant can be removed using a solvent such as alcohol. Cured **NovaLink TX** can be removed by abrading or scraping the substrate.

Storage

Store original, unopened containers in a cool, dry area. Protect unopened containers from water, heat and direct sunlight. Elevated temperatures will reduce shelf life. **NovaLink TX** will not freeze.

Shelf Life

Cartridges have a twelve month shelf life from date of manufacture when stored at 70°F / 21°C with 50% relative humidity. High temperature and high relative humidity may significantly reduce shelf life.

Pails have a shelf life of six months.

Application Instructions

Remove all dirt, oil, loose paint, frost and other contamination from all working surfaces with alcohol DO NOT USE petroleum solvents such as mineral spirits or xylene. Maintain **NovaLink TX** at room temperature before applying to ensure easy gunning and tooling. Test and evaluate to ensure adequate adhesion. Carefully gun the sealant with a smooth, continuous bead. If tooling is needed, do so within fifteen minutes of application.

Caution

Avoid prolonged contact with skin. Uncured adhesive irritates eyes. In case of contact with eyes immediately flush with water. Call a physician. Please refer to the SDS for First Aid information.

See www.chemlink.com for most current SDS .

KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN.

Limitations

- For light colored product, UV light will prevent discoloration
- Horizontal applications will require tooling.
- In areas where prolonged chemical exposure is anticipated, contact Technical Services for recommendations.
- Allow treated wood to "cure" for six months prior to application per APA guidelines.
- Do not use in areas subject to continuous immersion.
- Do not store in elevated temperatures.
- Allow asphalt to cure a minimum of six months before applying **NovaLink TX**
- Remove all coatings and sealers before application.
- Please contact customer service for application guidelines with temperatures below 32°F (0°C).
- Test and evaluate all paints before application. Polyurethane and oil based paints may dry slowly.



All properties described in this document are derived from testing conducted in laboratory conditions. Properties and performance will vary depending on environmental conditions and application technique. Test and evaluate to determine appropriate usage. Visit www.chemlink.com for the Safety Data Sheet, Technical Data Guides and full warranty for this product.

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